

The Comptroller General of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of:

Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc.

File:

B-225770

Date:

March 12, 1987

DIGEST

protest filed 11 working days after protester received hand-delivered denial of protest to agency is untimely.

DECISION

Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc., protests the Department of the Army's award of contract No. DAAB07-87-D-A001 to System Development Corporation (SDC).

Booz-Allen initially protested to the contracting officer. The Army has furnished a statement from the contracting officer and an affidavit from a procurement assistant which state that a representative of Booz-Allen picked up the contracting officer's denial of the protest on February 9, 1987. Booz-Allen did not file its protest with our Office until February 25, 11 working days later.

When a protest has been filed with a contracting agency, our Bid Protest Regulations require that any subsequent protest to our Office be filed within 10 working days of notice of the agency's initial adverse action. 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(a)(3) (1986). Since Booz-Allen's protest was not filed within the time limit prescribed by our regulations, it is untimely.

The protest is dismissed.

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